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BARRIE SGC RECEPTION



The Valley of Barrie hosted a Reception for Terry & Bonnie McLean on Friday, October 23rd in honour of Terry's election as our Sovereign Grand Commander - and what a great evening it was! Short on formalities and long on social interaction, those in attendance had a wonderful opportunity to meet and congratulate Terry & Bonnie. Terry is, of course, a member of the Barrie Consistory and a Past Commander in Chief - and it was wonderful to be able to acknowledge and pay tribute to his election as the leader of our Rite.

The evening started with a social hour for all to mingle - we had guests from various parts of Ontario - followed by a brief program led by our MC Cam

Goodman. Participating in the program were: John Harrison, Charlotte Brethour, June Campbell, Doug Crawford, David Boyd, Jim Anderson, Bob Brethour, and of course Terry himself. The speeches were short and sweet, and we did manage to have a couple of surprises in store for our SGC (one of which is shown below - a Philadelphia Flyer personalized dart board presented by Mark Linnemoller, Steve Barendregt & Jim Anderson)! This was followed by a delicious array of hot & cold food supplied by Executive Catering.

With over 120 in attendance it truly was a most successful event - nice and relaxed and informal. Many members of our Valley along with several Masonic dignitaries were able to join us, and we thank you for your support and participation. Special thanks goes to the organizing committee and to the Trustees for authorizing this Valley sponsored event. Too many people were involved to name them all individually, but please know your efforts were very much appreciated.



Although Terry's duties as our SGC will involve an extremely busy schedule, he will certainly not be a stranger to this Valley. In fact, he was in attendance at our Consistory Reunion (as reported elsewhere in this publication) to present the John Ross Matheson Award to Valley Member Brian Shannon.

We congratulate Terry on achieving this high office, we pledge our support for his various initiatives during his three year term of office, and we look forward to welcoming him to the Valley of Barrie on many occasions.

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Millions say the apple fell, but Newton was the one to ask why..... Bernard Baruch



JRM AWARD



The prestigious John Ross Matheson Award is an award to those heroes of our fraternity who have best exemplified a continued commitment of distinguished service to their community, country and mankind. A maximum of two awards are granted annually, and only 29 have been presented since its inception.

At a ceremony during the fall reunion of the Barrie Consistory, SGC Terry McLean and Awards Chairman Skip Whitely presented Valley of Barrie member Brian Shannon with the John Ross Matheson Award. Brian is the third member of our Valley to receive this prestigious honour, joining Doug Jagges (2011) and Ken Veitch (2013) as part of a very exclusive group.

Born in Hamilton in 1946, after graduating from the University of Western Ontario Brian and his wife Dale moved to Toronto, on to Caledon, and finally to Meaford. Brian worked for the Government of Ontario for 20 years in a variety of positions including Executive Director of Corporate Services at the Ontario Science Centre. His community activities include a long list of volunteerism in both Peel Region and the Meaford area. He has been involved in (and often chaired) organizations such as Supportive Housing, Headwaters Health Care Centre, CCAC, minor hockey, Standardbred Breeders, Ontario Sires Stakes, Interprovincial Lottery Corporation, Lakeshore Football Officials Association, and is very active in the Meaford United Church.

Brian and Dale have been married for 45 years and have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. A four-time Master of Peel Lodge No. 468, Brian was Appointed Grand Steward in 2007. He received his 32° in the Barrie Consistory in 1978, he remains very active in numerous degrees, he received his 33° in 2006 in Halifax, and he has served as the Grand Secretary for the Valley of Barrie since 2008. He is currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Barrie Learning Centre.

Yes, he certainly has been an active and busy individual, and we congratulate Brian Shannon on this prestigious honour as a JRM Award recipient.

NEW ACTIVE MEMBER

At the Annual Session of Supreme Council in Windsor, John Edward Harrison was crowned as a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General. This gives the Valley of Barrie two Active Members for the first time in our history, and congratulations go out to John on this milestone achievement.



John was born in 1957 in Newmarket and grew up in Zephyr. Following his graduation from high school, John studied Business Management at Ryerson and Economics at York University. He is employed as Director of Transportation Operations of Huron Services Group and TMH Logistics Limited - logistic companies that specialize in logistic and warehousing partnerships across North America. John is also on several other Boards and Associations relating to the trucking industry and safety.

John resides in Newmarket with his very supportive lady Susan, and has two adult daughters - Samantha (a teacher in Halifax) and Laura (an artist and visual merchandiser in Guelph).

John has a rather extensive Masonic resume which started out in Rowland Lodge No. 646 (Mount Albert) in 1978. He served as Master of Rowland in 1986 and was elected as DDGM of Toronto District 6 for the 2000-2001 Masonic year. He has served Grand Lodge in several capacities over the years including the DDGM Orientation Team and the Toronto Districts Re-alignment Committee.

A member of Scottish Rite and the Valley of Barrie since 1979, John has been an active participant in all Valley activities. A cast member (and Past Director) of the 12th Degree Team for over 35 years, he is a Past MWS (2004), Past Chair of the Officers Progression Committee, and a Director of the 18th Degree. He is currently a Trustee for the Valley, Vice-President of the Barrie Learning Centre Board of Directors, and Chair of the Valley John Ross Matheson Award Committee.

In addition to his many duties within the Valley of Barrie, John has been named as Chairman of Supreme Council's Audit & Finance Committee. Congratulations on all counts, John!

Long & Distinguished Service

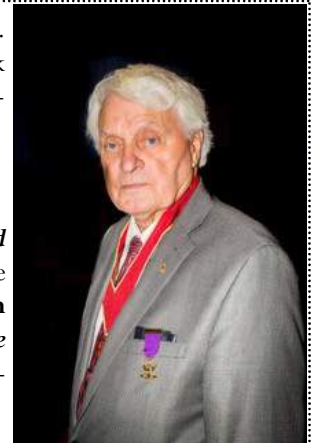
The hallway outside of the Greer Room has a new look! For many years a collage of pictures has been in place honoring prominent Scottish Rite Valley members. This year the Trustees undertook a project to give these pictures a new look by reframing and reorganizing them (thanks Jim Anderson & Doug Crawford!). We have also decided to add three new pictures for long and distinguished service to the Valley.

Congratulations to Ray Latimer, Lewis Robertson and Ray Rance as they join this distinguished group of Masons on our 'wall of honor'. Ray Latimer served as Commander in Chief in 1986 and has been an integral part of the Wardrobe Department for many, many years; Lewis Robertson is a most active member has been in charge of our Props Department equally as long; and Ray Rance served as Commander in Chief in 1992 and as Secretary of the Valley from 1998 until 2008. They are most worthy recipients of this honour! Congratulations!



THE ED SKINNER REUNIONS

The 2015 Fall Reunions of the Valley of Barrie were named in honour of *Ill. Bro. Ed Skinner 32°*. Ed is well known to everyone who attends our reunions through his tireless efforts manning the desk selling all manner of Masonic items - a position he has held for many, many years now. Congratulations Ed on an honour well deserved! The members of the Ed Skinner Reunions were:



Barrie Lodge of Perfection

Terry Anderson (Beeton); *Charles Blackhorse* (Newmarket); *David Burton* (Cookstown); *David Hardwick* (Midhurst); *Robert Head* (Stouffville); *Ken Hebbard* (Barrie); *Andrew Imrie* (Moose Lake, MB); *William Morrow* (Bracebridge); *Horia Nemes* (Newmarket); *Alexander Neuman* (Durham); *Brian Patterson* (Newmarket); *Ken Pratt* (Everett); *Thomas Swales* (Barrie); *Sredoje Vakareskov* (Aurora); and *Thomas White* (Bracebridge). David Burton was unable to attend Saturday and will receive the remainder of his degrees in the spring.



Spry Chapter Rose Croix

Terry Anderson (Beeton); *Charles Blackhorse* (Newmarket); *Frederick Harrington* (Barrie); *Robert Head* (Stouffville); *Daryl Johnson* (Meaford); *Chuck Vessey* (Orillia); and *Thomas White* (Bracebridge).

Barrie Consistory

Terry Anderson (Beeton); *Tony Atsidakos* (Mississauga); *Ed Bartlett* (Bobcaygeon); *Charles Blackhorse* (Newmarket); *Tom Harland* (Orillia); *Robert Head* (Stouffville); *Daryl Johnson* (Meaford); *John Junkin* (Bobcaygeon); *Soo Lem* (Orillia); *Norman McComb* (Sudbury); *Tyler McLean* (Mississauga); and *Tom White* (Bracebridge). We were also pleased to welcome *Val Baravi* who Affiliated from the Valley Of

Calgary. Val now resides in Bradford.

Congratulations to all of our candidates this fall - we're excited to have you as members of the Valley of Barrie and we look forward to your active participation in Valley events.

Opportunity is Calling!!!

Help make our Valley stronger! Interested in helping continue the tradition of Excellence at our Reunions? We can always involve people in: Props, Lighting, Music, Wardrobe, Make-up, Registration

No memory work required.

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LEARNING CENTRE REPORT



The Barrie Learning Centre provides free remedial tutoring to children with difficulties in reading and writing - formally identified as dyslexia. Our Learning Centre continues to flourish, both in Barrie and at our second location in Bracebridge. We are currently tutoring 21 young people in Barrie and another 4 in Bracebridge. The future looks bright indeed for the Barrie Learning Centre!

This year saw the retirement of three valued members from the Board of Directors - **Paul Fockler, Steve Martin and John Slessor**. Their years of dedication to the Learning Centre has been most appreciated and their various talents will be missed. The contributions made by these individuals has been very significant. Thank you!

We have been fortunate to welcome four new members to the Board in the persons of **Brian Laporte, Joe DeMello, Brian Shannon and Sheila West-Merker**. They join returning Board members **David Boyd, John Harrison, Rodney Greer, Doug Jaggas, Nancy Ortieb, Robert Brethour, Bruce Fraser, John McKillip and Don Coates**, giving our Learning Centre a strong group of leaders as we continue to expand our efforts in helping young people overcome the challenges of dyslexia. There remains a need for both

tutors and volunteers at the Learning Centre, so please contact Centre Director Ross Martin (705-325-1708) if you or someone you know would like to assist in our efforts to help these young people.

Muskoka Tutoring Rooms

Operational since January of 2015, the Barrie Learning Centre's *Muskoka Tutoring Rooms* hosted a Grand Opening Event on Wednesday, June 3rd. This 3-year pilot project authorized by the SRCF is the first of its kind in Canada whereby we are offering tutoring to young people at a remote location - but still under the auspices and responsibility of the Barrie Learning Centre. At the Learning Centre, children with dyslexia learn to read.

Pictured at right for the Official Ribbon Cutting are many of the dignitaries in attendance, including (L-R): **Terry McLean** (Lieutenant Grand Commander); **Bruce Fraser** (Barrie Learning Centre Board Member); **Michael Farr** (Grand Prior); **Allard Loopstra** (President of the SRCF); **Matt Todd** (Executive Director of Learning Centres in Canada); **Graydon Smith** (Mayor of Bracebridge); **Sondra Reid** (representing Parry Sound-Muskoka MP Tony Clement); **David Boyd** (Chairman of the Barrie Learning Centre Board of Directors); **John Klink** (Chairman of the Muskoka District Council); **Ross Martin** (Director of the Barrie Learning Centre and the Muskoka Tutoring Rooms); **Robert Brethour** (Barrie Learning Centre Board Member); **Don Coates** (Barrie Learning Centre Board Member), and in front *Muskoka Students Jordan and Dempsey*.



Also in attendance at this very special event were Barrie Learning Centre Board of Directors members **Doug Jaggas, Nancy Ortieb and John Harrison**; Barrie Trustees **James Anderson, Cam Goodman and Steve McIntyre**; Active and Past Active Members of Supreme Council **Robert Whitmore, Duncan Skinner, David Bennett and Donald D. Thornton**; and SRCF Board Member **Ronald Findlater**. We also welcomed representatives from the Muskoka Scottish Rite Club and the Lakeland Chapter of Eastern Star as well as several of our Bracebridge Tutors and Volunteers.

We are currently tutoring 4 children at the Bracebridge facility and continue to receive strong support from the communities, organizations, businesses and individuals throughout Muskoka.

Finally, a very special thank you goes out to **Tony DeMartines**, the President of the *Progressive Training College* in Bracebridge where our classrooms are located, for his generosity and assistance in making this tutoring facility a reality and, of course, the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation for authorizing and supporting this 'first of its kind' pilot project in Canada.



LEARNING CENTRE REPORT

Graduation

Saturday, October 3rd was the date of this year's *Graduation Ceremony and Celebration of Achievement* - and what a great day it was! We honoured 5 young people who have completed the program - *Kaleb Thompson-Carroll, Emma Luttrell, Joshua Moore, Joshua Morrison & Ayden Christopher-Sedore*; we recognized 2 newly certified tutors - *Betty Borges and Elizabeth Rebelo*; we officially thanked many of our faithful supporters; and we welcomed a host of family, friends and Scottish Rite dignitaries. Two of our graduating students addressed the assembly, and if you're ever looking for validation of this program and the difference it makes in the lives of young people with Dyslexia (and their families) all you have to do is attend one of these ceremonies. Pictured at right are the graduates, their tutors, and members of both the SRCF and Barrie Learning Centre Board of Directors.



Fundraising

We are most fortunate to have a large group of very dedicated and faithful supporters whose financial contributions have allowed us to continue to grow and prosper. Many of these individuals were recognized personally at our Graduation Ceremony, and we are truly thankful for each and every one of you! In addition, we once again received funds and donations from a variety of community and Masonic related events.

Our deepest appreciation goes go out to: Cal's Breakfast; the Rotary Club of Barrie-2015 Cash Calendar; Bob Whitmarsh for book sales at various events; Innisfil Chapter OES; Lily of the Valley Chapter OES; Grey District DDGM Project-Michael Wood; Lakeland Chapter OES; the Barrie East End Social group (and the Kiwanis Club of Kempenfelt Bay and the Lions Club of Barrie); the Valley of Peterborough Golf Tournament; the Valley of Barrie Motorcycle Ride; the WJ Hay Memorial Golf Tournament; Stayner Chapter OES; and the Muskoka Scottish Rite Club.

In addition we continue with our participation in charity bingo in Barrie and, of course, the Polar Bear Lottery Draw. We have also once again been blessed with a multitude of individual donations to the Learning Centre, for which we are eternally grateful. Thank you one and all!!!



The draws for the winners of the *Polar Bear Lottery - 2015* were held at 99 Morrow Road on November 28th.

\$2,000 winners were: *Doug Hara* (Toronto); *Dean Bell* (Barrie); *Alice Hutt* (Orillia); *Robert McClenaghan* (West Hill); and *George Cooke* (Parry Sound).

\$5,000 winners were: *Al Johnstone* (Aurora) & *Mary Wales* (Everett).

And the *2015 Grand Prize of \$20,000* was won by *Doug Richards* of Utopia (pictured at left with Bob Brethour and John McKillip).

Congratulations to all of our winners and a sincere thank you to all those who supported this year's Polar Bear Lottery!

GOLF BALLS, GOLF BALLS - WE WANT YOUR OLD GOLF BALLS!!!

We've got a new fundraising endeavour for our Learning Centre. *Bob Whitmarsh* is collecting golf balls (surely you don't lose ALL of them!) which are then turned in to raise money for our Learning Centre. Clean out your golf bags and bring those extra balls to Bob!!!



AROUND THE JURISDICTION

While we still have a lot of catching up to do with respect to the presentation of 25, 50 and 60 year certificates, we're getting there slowly! This past summer **Bob Brethour** and **Rae Hutt** had the privilege of presenting **Carl Casselman** with his 50 year *Jewel and Certificate* in Orillia. The Casselman and Brethour families lived next door to each other in Orillia for many years, so it was a particular pleasure for me to be a part of this milestone event.

The Valley of Toronto hosted a *Reception* for our new *Sovereign Grand Commander* on October 16th, and what a first class affair it was! Several members of the Valley of Barrie were able to attend, as well as **June Campbell** and **Pat Townshend** as special guests of the SGC. Congratulations Toronto on a wonderful event and a tribute to your SGC.



While we're handing out congratulations, welcome to the ranks of our Valley 33rds **John & Sue McKillip**. John was the sole candidate from our Valley at the Windsor Session. Also elected to receive their 33rd Degree next year in St. John's, Newfoundland are **Frank Richardson** and **John Thompson**. We look forward to that occasion and to their active participation in the years ahead. The Windsor Session was very eventful for our Valley as we now have a second Active Member for the first time ever, as well as a third John Ross Matheson Award recipient. Special congratulations also goes out to **David Bennett** from the Valley of North Bay on his election as Deputy for Ontario as he replaced **Marvin Salmi** in the northern part of our jurisdiction.

A very special event was held at 99 Morrow Road on Saturday, November 14th as the Valley hosted a *DeMolay* information meeting. Members of DeMolay from across the Province were on hand to answer questions and to actually open a Chapter to illustrate what it is they do. DeMolay is an organization dedicated to preparing young men to lead successful, happy, and productive lives. Basing its approach on timeless principles and hands-on experience, DeMolay opens doors for young men aged 12 to 21 by developing the civic awareness, personal responsibility and leadership skills which are so vitally needed in society today. DeMolay combines this serious mission with a fun approach that builds important bonds of friendship among members. This is a most worthwhile organization and we are endeavouring to determine if there is sufficient interest to form a Chapter here in Barrie. For additional information about the program please contact **Steve Barendregt** at 705-888-0341.



One of the organizers of the Barrie Scottish Rite Club's very successful trip to Washington, D.C. this past spring also had the opportunity to visit many Masonic sights in Scotland over the summer. **Chris Wiwchar** and his family, as you can see from the picture at left taken in Kilwinning, took in a lot of very interesting and historically significant places including Rosslyn Chapel where they didn't just visit, they had a full tour of the castle!

If you missed this year's *Valley of Barrie Pig & Corn Roast*, you missed an extraordinary day! Entertainment by the Kempencelts, Native Storyteller Paul Whittham, and world-class entertainer Daniel Panetta absolutely 'wowed' the audience - and it was followed once again by our famously delicious meal. Chairman **Dale Hunter** and his entire team did a great job and are to be commended. This year's Pig Roast raised just under \$4,000 which goes to our Props & Wardrobe Departments. This was the 19th year we have held this special event and it has allowed us to dramatically maintain and upgrade these specific and critical areas.

The Valley of Barrie *Installation Ceremonies and Joint Advisory Meeting* will be held on Saturday, January 16th at 99 Morrow Road. In addition to Installing and Investing the officers of the three bodies, the Joint Advisory Meeting is a most important Valley event. Virtually everything that goes on within the Valley is reviewed and discussed with all members given a chance to have their say. Our Valley is very active and vibrant with many initiatives - both old & new. This meeting is the perfect way to inform yourself about the various activities we are involved in and to add your input to the process. All members of the Valley are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to attend.

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Mission Statement

The purpose of this newsletter to keep all of our members, and their families, informed and up to date on events in the Valley; to provide items of note; and to stimulate interest in activities throughout our jurisdiction.

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EDUCATION

One of the primary goals here in the Valley of Barrie, and indeed in all Valleys across Canada, is to provide increased enlightenment for our members through education. The Education Program instituted last year in the Valley continues to expand and evolve. Those in attendance at our reunions will notice emphasis placed on providing information about Scottish Rite in general, the Valley in particular, and various items of interest from a more esoteric and educational perspective. We have also created an Education link on the Valley web-site at barrievalleyscottishrite.com. This will provide an excellent opportunity for all of our members to access the educational information we are attempting to convey.

In addition to this the Barrie Scottish Rite Club has made education a primary focus by featuring some very knowledgeable speakers delving into a variety of very interesting topics. This year's meetings featured Ill. Bro. Scott Rowe's presentation of "Alchemy and Freemasonry - the Missing Link" and Greg Quinn's presentation on the "Kaballah". The Club also hosted a trip to Washington D.C. this past spring - a most educational experience in itself! By the way, the scheduled speaker at the next meeting of the Barrie Scottish Rite Club in April of 2016 is none other than our SGC, Terry McLean. We look forward to Terry's address!

As our educational programs continue to expand here in Barrie, tentative plans include a more in-depth seminar/discussion open to those Scottish Rite Masons looking to study and examine the symbols and deeper meaning of our degrees. Other ideas which have been implemented - such as 'playbills' for some degrees and signs introducing the various degrees - are measures designed to enhance and improve the product we are providing our members. In addition to our web-site - which is new and improved and most impressive! - we also have a Valley facebook page with information and posts from many other jurisdictions.

Recognizing the need for, and the benefits of, expanded educational resources and programs, Supreme Council has undertaken a nation-wide effort to examine, share and implement new ideas to improve our ability to offer further enlightenment. The SGC named a committee, chaired by Robert Brethour, to oversee and integrate education programs in all Valleys.

All of this is for the sole benefit of you - our members. The fundamental principles upon which our organization is based and the opportunity to meet and fellowship with like-minded men are much needed into today's world. While the time demands of our lives are quite often significant, there is much to be gained by devoting just a little of that time to seeking further enlightenment through education and social interaction.

The demand is there for further education and Supreme Council is committed to attempting to provide Scottish Rite members with the enlightenment they are seeking. Both the Supreme Council and the Valley of Barrie web-sites will provide access to information both interesting and educational. The Scottish Rite experience has much to offer. Its lessons are every bit as relevant today as a hundred years ago. Education is an important component of this experience and improved communication of interesting and informative information for our members is something we are endeavouring to improve upon.

Locally, our Education Committee is always on the lookout for new ideas or topics for discussion and/or explanation, so if you have anything you'd like to learn more about just contact any committee member. Our committee currently consists of Dale Graham, Mark Linnemoller, Scott Rowe, Doug Crawford, Cam Goodman, Brad Vail, David Boyd, John Harrison, Bob Brethour and Terry McLean.

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